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POL STORAGE AREA
DIEN XA, NORTH VIETNAM
1822N 10544E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED
POL DRUM STORAGE AREA IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE AREA IS LOCATED TWO HUNDRED YARDS EAST OF ROUTE
821, 1.7 NM SOUTH OF DIEN XA AND THE INTERSECTION OF
ROUTES 82 AND 821.

3. REMARKS:

ESSENTIALLY ALL POL STORAGE IN NORTH VIETNAM PRIOR
TO 1964 WAS LOCATED IN PERMANENT STORAGE AREAS SUCH AS
HAI PHONG, HA NOI, AND VINH. (THESE THREE AREAS AT THAT
TIME ACCOUNTED FOR SEVENTY PERCENT OF NORTH VIETNAM
BULK STORAGE CAPACITY). SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST US AIR
STRIKES AGAINST THE VINH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE IN
AUGUST 1964 AND FEBRUARY 1965, PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE
CONFIRMED THAT A POL DISPERSAL PROGRAM WAS UNDERWAY
WITH THE STORING OF CYLINDRICAL TANKS IN EARTH-COVERED
BUNKERS, AND THE UTILIZATION OF MANY OPEN STORAGE AREAS

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FOR 55-GALLON DRUMS. SINCE THAT TIME NUMEROUS SUCH INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY, AND SEVERAL HAVE BEEN STRUCK.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CONTINUED AND EXPANDED EFFORTS BY THE US TO DESTROY KNOWN POL STORAGE AREAS WILL FORCE NORTH VIETNAM TO DISPERSE AND CONCEAL POL STORES TO AN EVEN GREATER EXTENT, FURTHER COMPLICATING THE PROBLEM OF POL DISTRIBUTION FOR NORTH VIETNAM.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE POL STORAGE AREA TO CONSIST OF TWO SITES: AREA A (UTM WF791311) IS COMPRISED OF SEVENTY-ONE TRENCHES, FIFTY-NINE OF WHICH CONTAIN AT LEAST 1300 POL DRUMS. AREA B (UTM WF790318) CONSISTS OF TWENTY-SIX TRENCHES, TWENTY OF WHICH CONTAIN AT LEAST 450 DRUMS.

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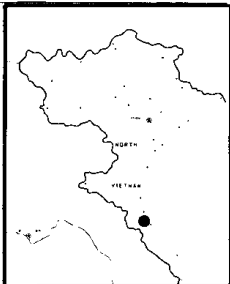
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DIEN XA, NORTH VIETNAM
18-22N 105-44E

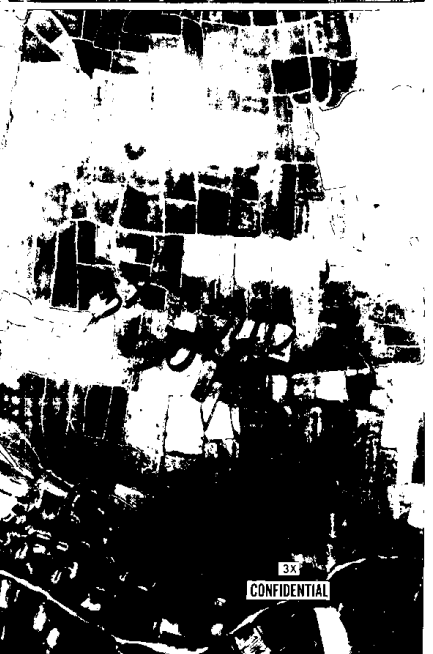
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DIEN XA
1.7 NM

ROUTE 821

APPROX 450 DRUMS
IN TRENCHES



APPROX 1300 DRUMS
IN TRENCHES



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